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Geophysical Fluid Dynamics: analytical and laboratory studies of fluid mechanics problems in oceans, atmospheres, and planetary interiors.

### **HONORS**

American Society of Mechanical Engineers "Old Guard" Undergraduate Research Project Competition, Division I Winner (Northeast United States) 1963.

Senior Postdoctoral Fellowship, Advanced Study Program, National Center for Atmospheric Research, Boulder, Colorado, Dec. 1, 1977 - June 15, 1978.

John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Fellow, Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics, University of Cambridge, England, 1982-83.

Fellow, American Physical Society, 1982.

Fellow, American Geophysical Union, 1997

Alumni Achievement Award, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Tufts University, 1999

Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2002

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### **PUBLICATIONS (approx 5000 citations)**

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